SENATE BILL   No. 1351

Introduced by Senator Battin

February 17, 2006

An act to amend Section 11250 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to CalWORKs.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1351, as introduced, Battin. CalWORKs.

Existing law provides for the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program under which each county provides cash assistance and other benefits to qualified low-income families, through a combination of state, federal, and county funds.

This bill would make a technical nonsubstantive change to the provisions relating to eligibility for the CalWORKs program.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1   SECTION 1.   Section 11250 of the Welfare and Institutions
2 Code is amended to read:
3   11250.   Aid, services, or both shall be granted under ~~the~~
4 ~~provisions of~~ this chapter, and subject to the regulations of the
5 department, to families with related children under the age of 18
6 years, except as provided in Section 11253, in need thereof
7 because they have been deprived of parental support or care due
8 to *any of the following circumstances*:
9   (a) The death, physical or mental incapacity, or incarceration
10 of a parent.
11   (b) The unemployment of a parent or parents.

1   (c) Continued absence of a parent from the home due to
2 divorce, separation, desertion, or any other reason, except
3 absence occasioned solely by reason of the performance of active
4 duty in the uniformed services of the United States. "Continued
5 absence" exists when the nature of the absence is such as either
6 to interrupt or to terminate the parent's functioning as a provider
7 of maintenance, physical care, or guidance for the child, and the
8 known or indefinite duration of the absence precludes counting
9 on the parent's performance of the function of planning for the
10 present support or care of the child. If these conditions exist, the
11 parent may be absent for any reason, and may have left only
12 recently or some time previously.

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